

REMARKS

By this Amendment Applicants seek to cancel claims 1, 5, 10 and 14-15 without prejudice, (claims 2, 4, 6, 12-13 and 17-23 were previously cancelled) and to change the dependency of claims 3, 7-9, 11 and 16 leaving only allowed claims 24 and 25 and those claims that depend therefrom pending. The cancellation of claims 1, 5, 10 and 14-15 is solely in order to place the application in immediate condition for allowance, and is not an admission as to the correctness of any rejection of those claims. Applicants reserve the right to later pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims and other claims in a related continuing application.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating the allowance of claims 24 and 25. Claims 24 and 25 have been maintained unchanged and so are believed to remain allowable. Claims 3, 7-9, 11 and 16 now depend from claim 24 and are therefore believed to be allowable as well

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment After Final Office Action and submit that entry of this Amendment will place the present application in condition for allowance. It is further submitted that entry of this Amendment can be approved by the Examiner consistent with Patent and Trademark Office practice, since the changes it makes should not require a substantial amount of additional work by the Examiner.

Applicants respectfully submit that all outstanding rejections are now moot. Applicants further submit that all claims pending in this application are patentable over the prior art. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709. In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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